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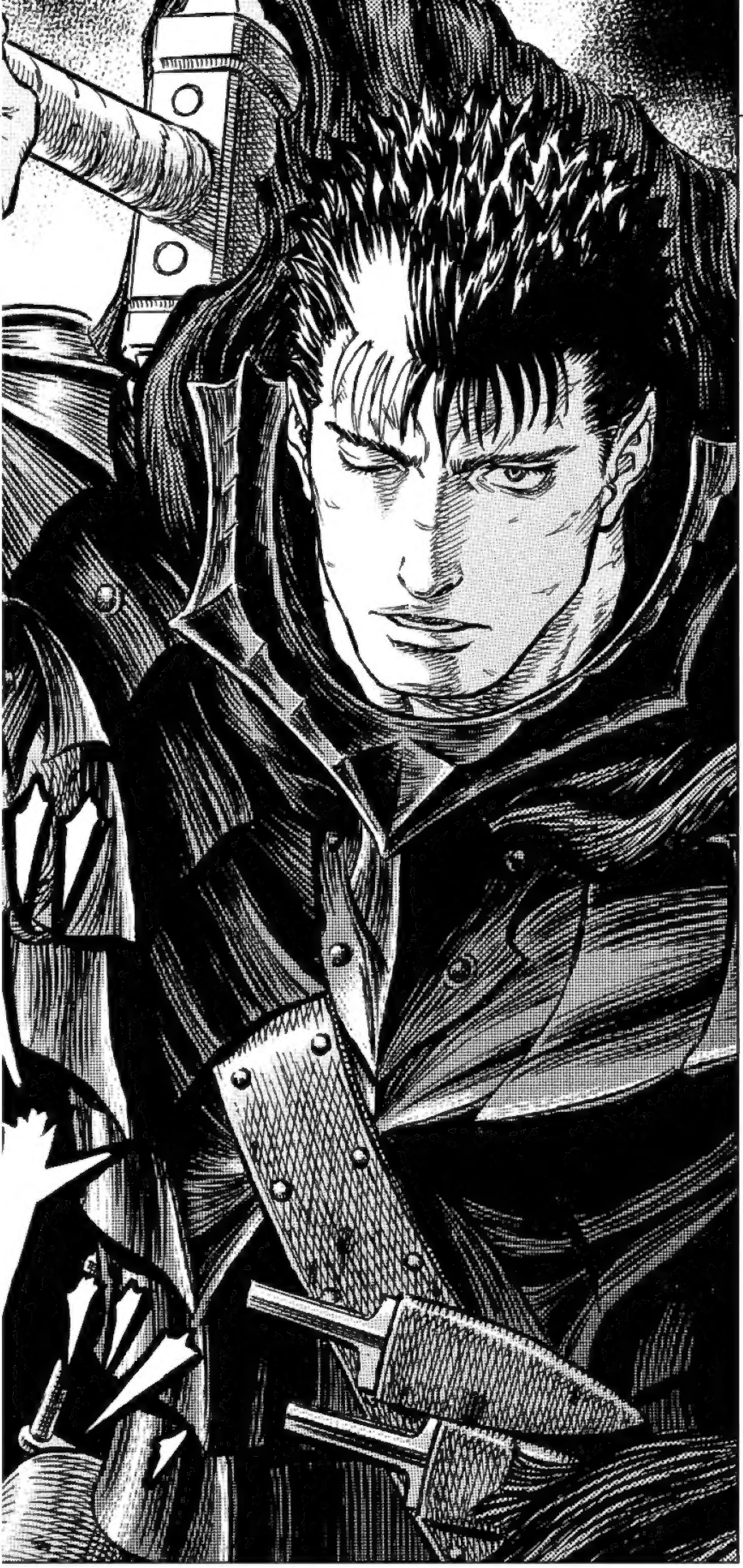
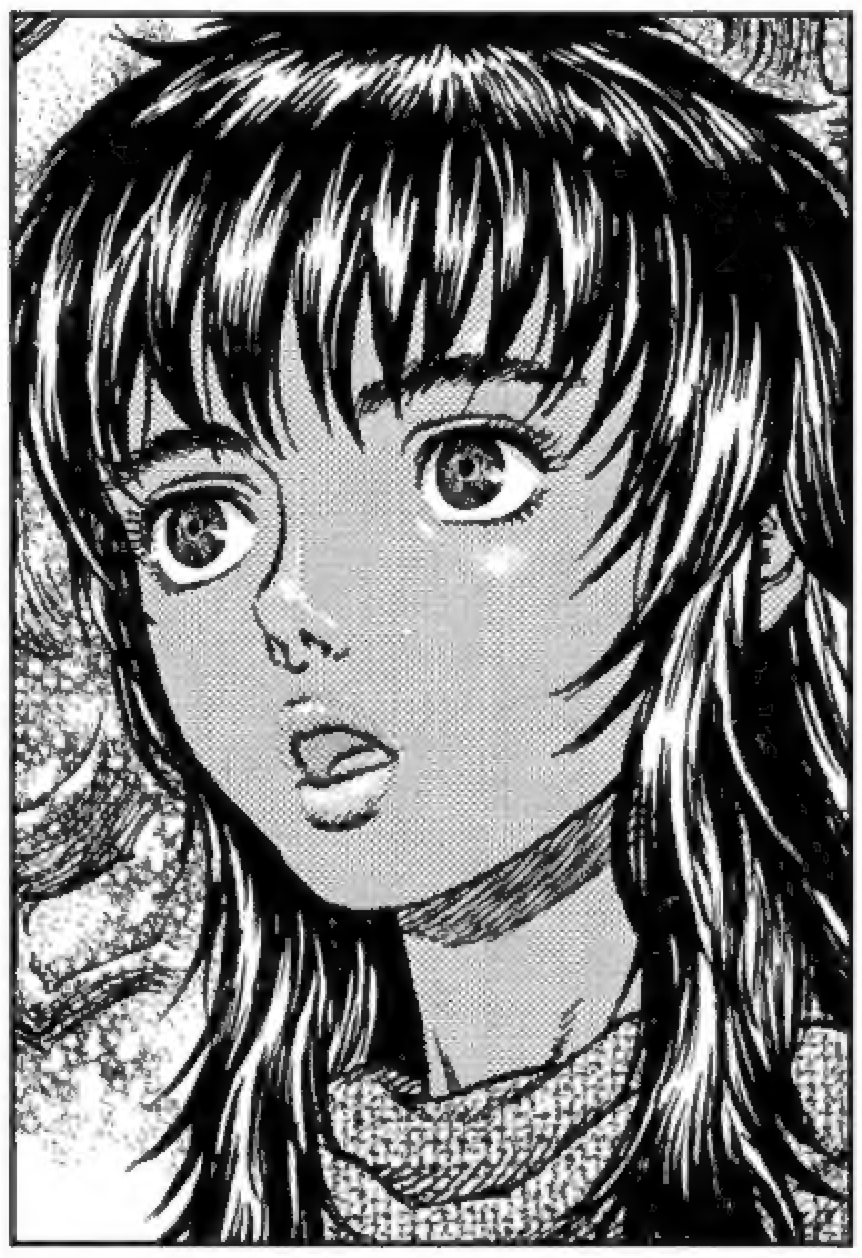


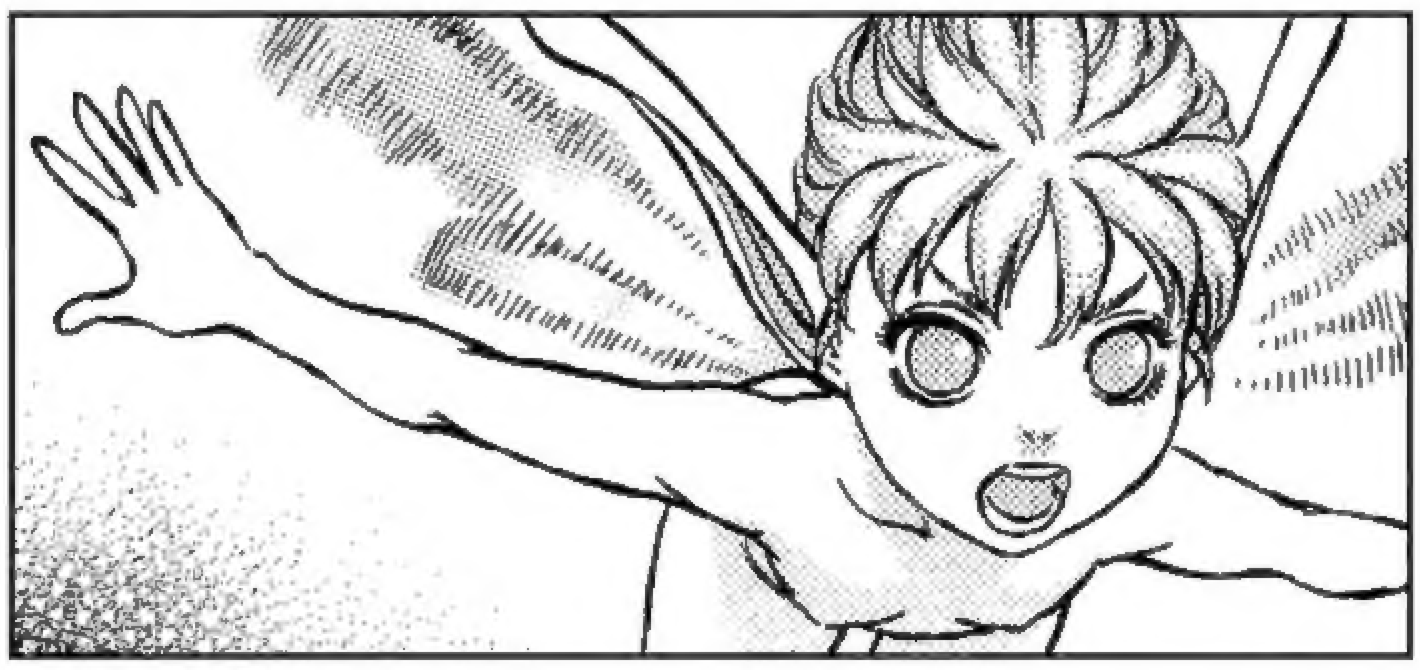
ガッツ *Guts*

The main character of the story, the Black Swordsman. He exists in the interstice, wears the Berserker armor, and his soul is constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.



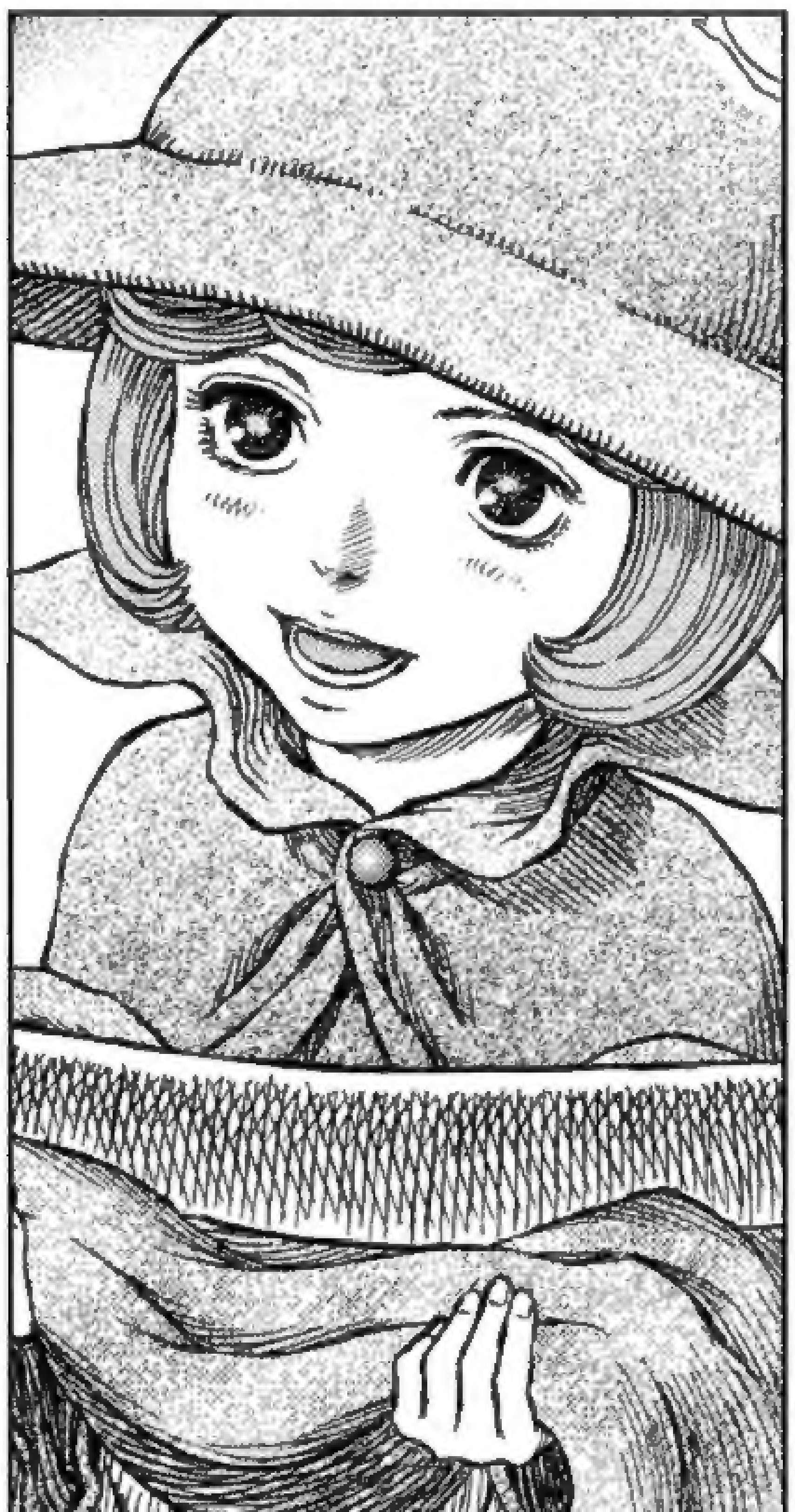
キャスカ *Casca*

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk; mentally regressed from her experience in the Eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her brand, which reacts to evil, is thinly shielded by Flora's talisman.



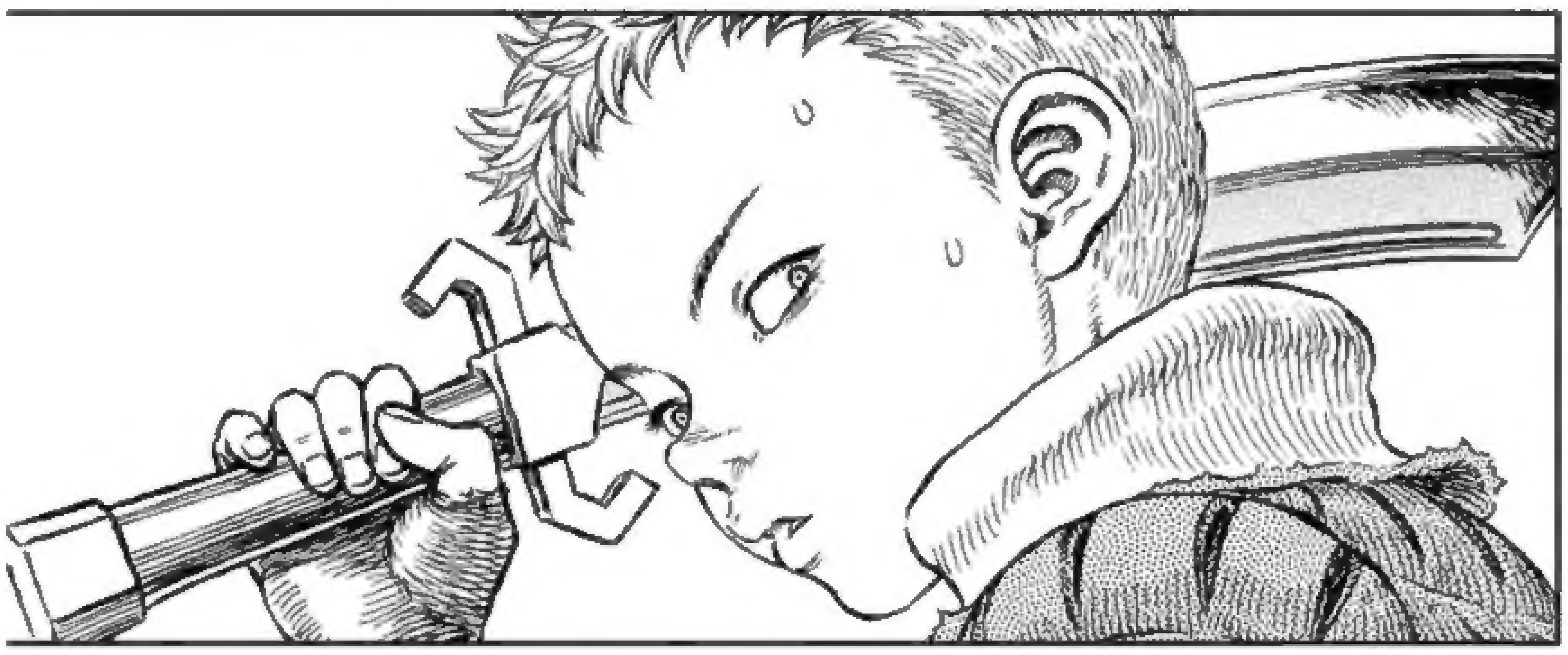
パック *Puck*

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. He confirmed that he's a wind spirit, and he also changes into Chestnut Puck.



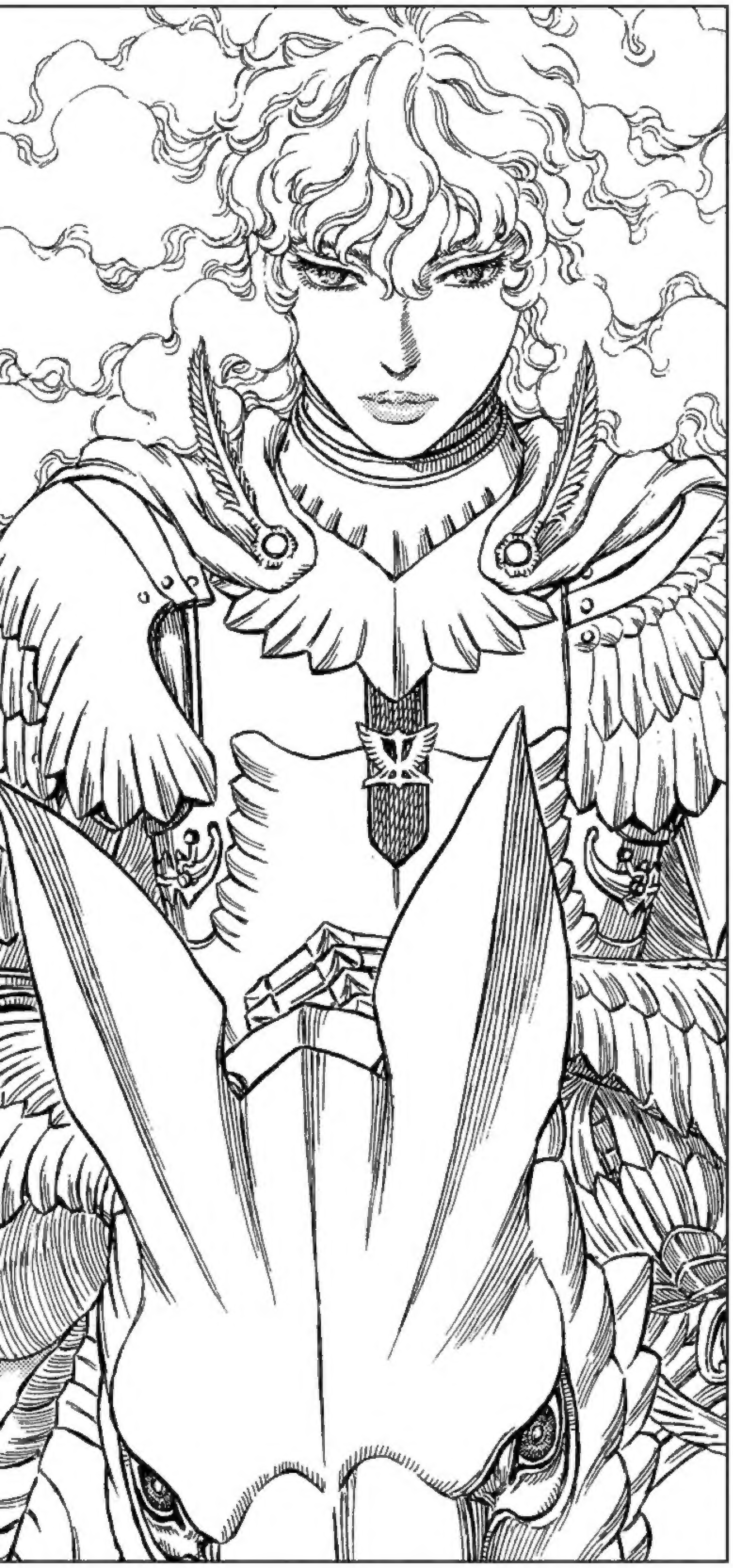
シールケ *Schierke*

Disciple of Flora, witch of the Spirit Tree Mansion. She supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



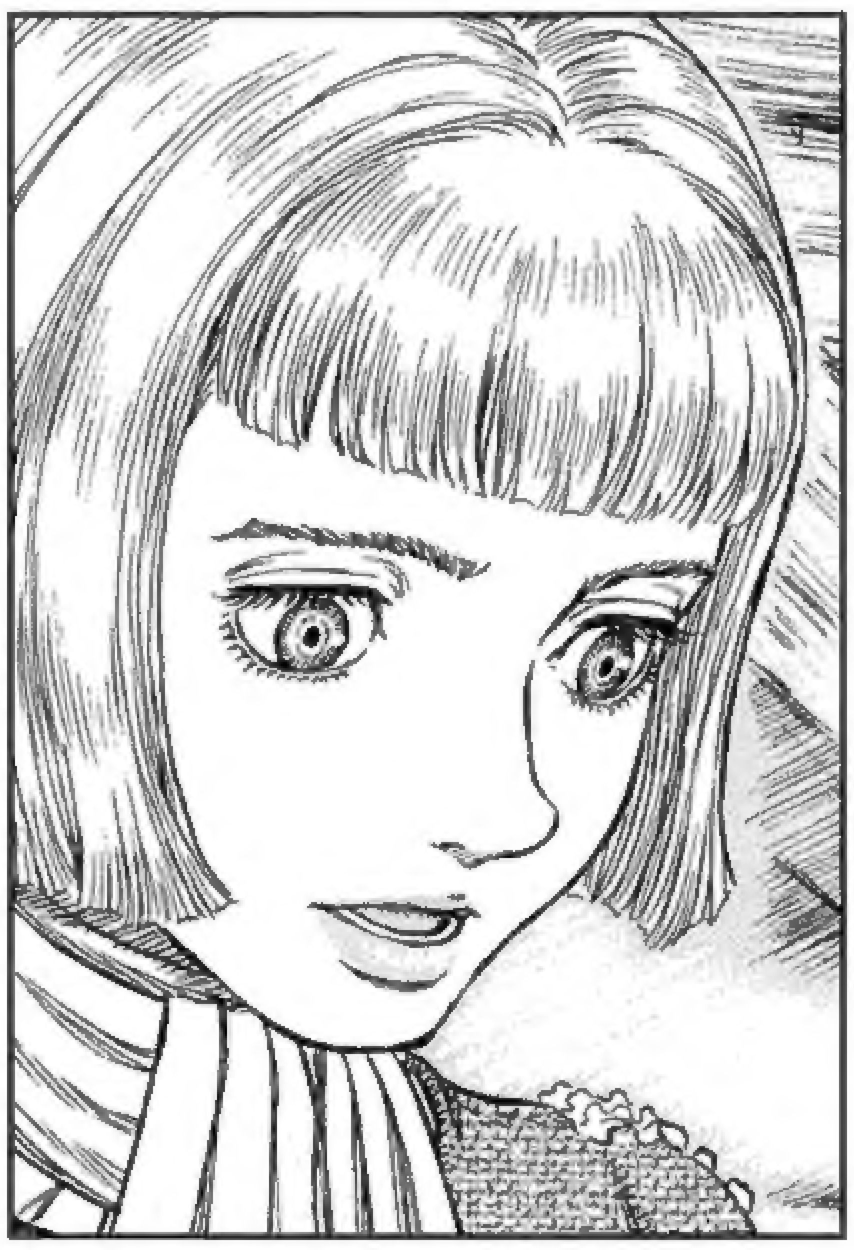
イシドロ *Isidro*

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



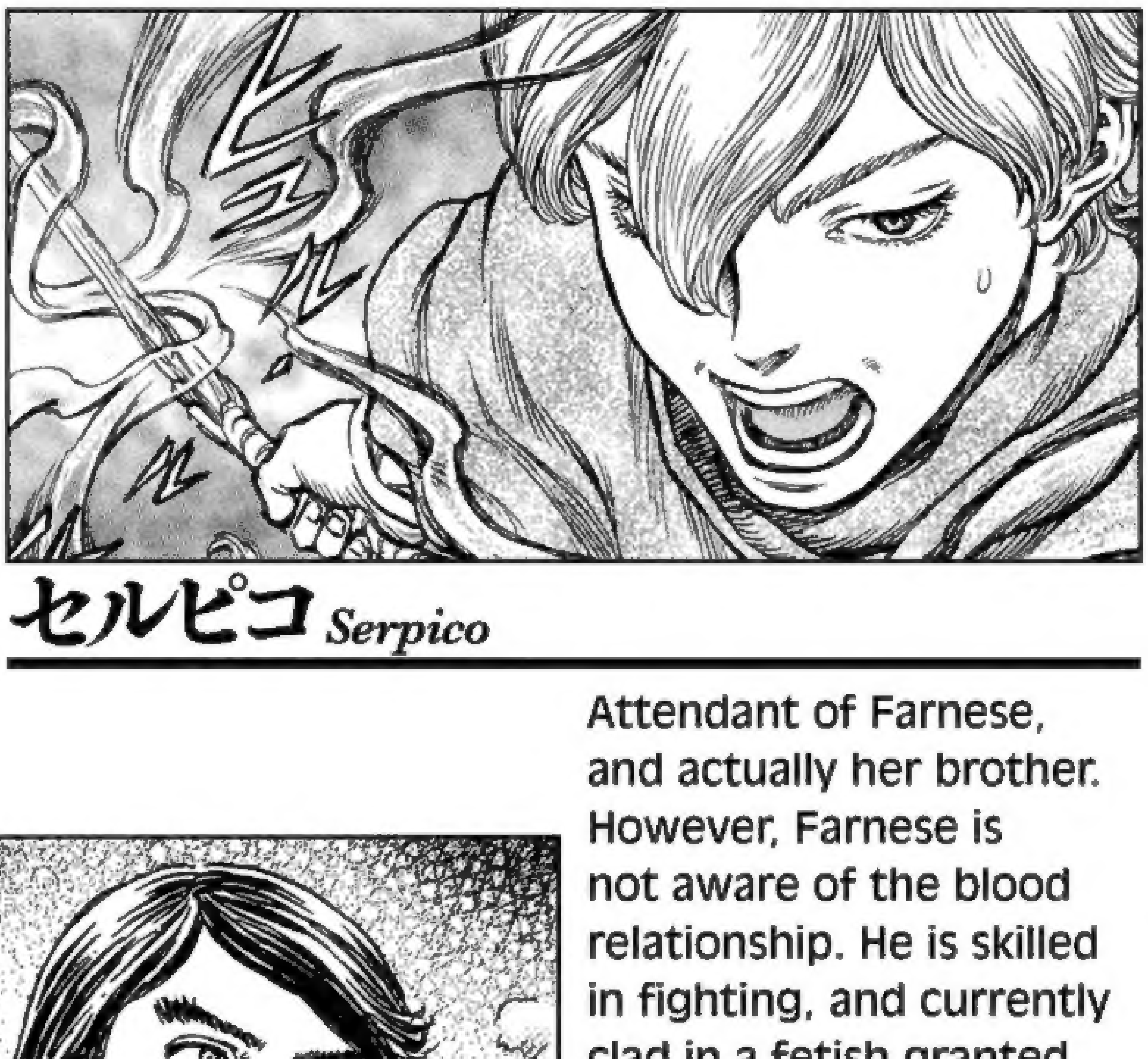
グリフィス *Griffith*

Through the eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation Eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the “absolute,” without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.



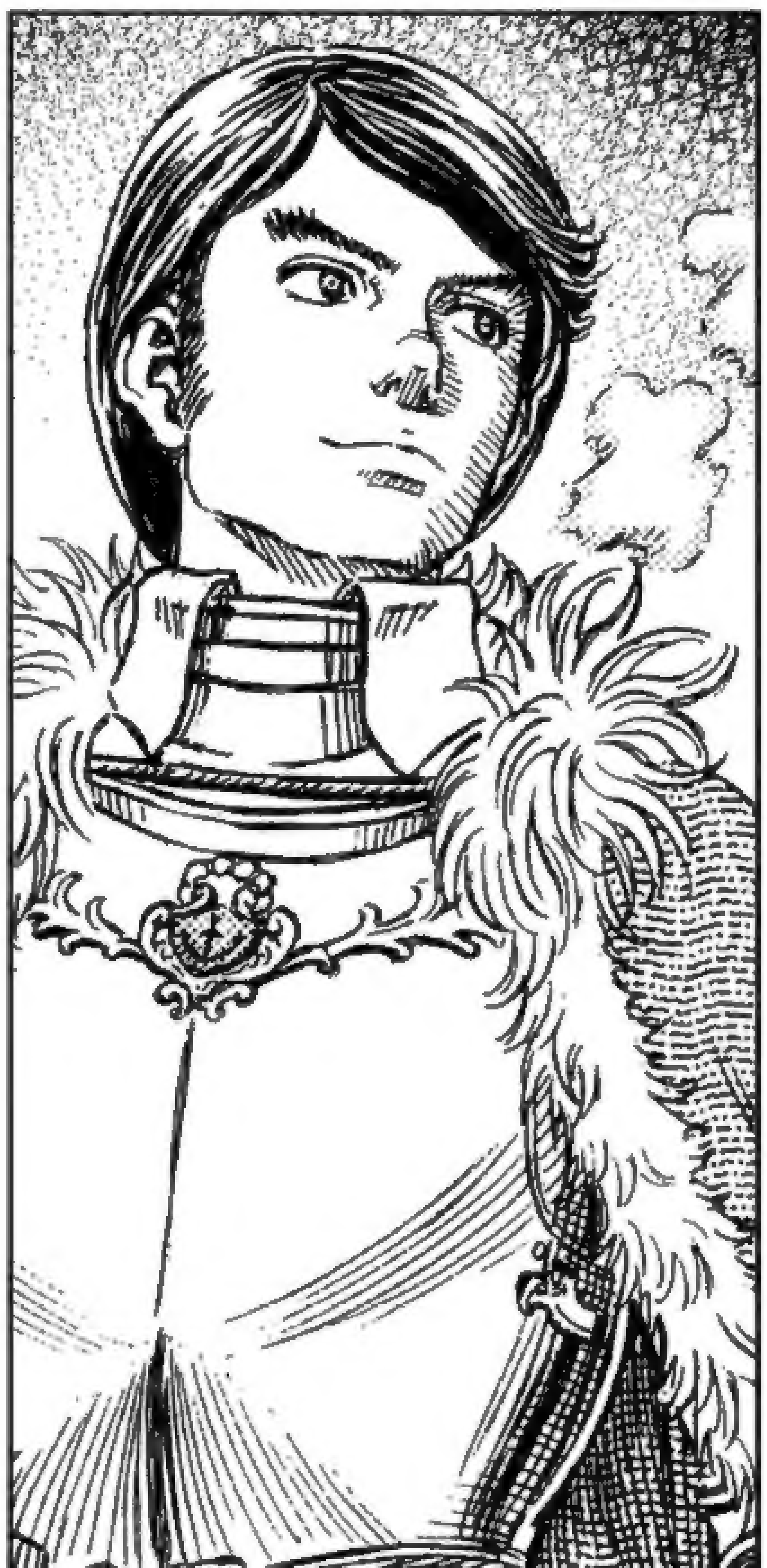
ファルネーゼ *Farnese*

Former commander of the Holy See’s Holy Iron Chain Knights, and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival, and about the reality of the world.



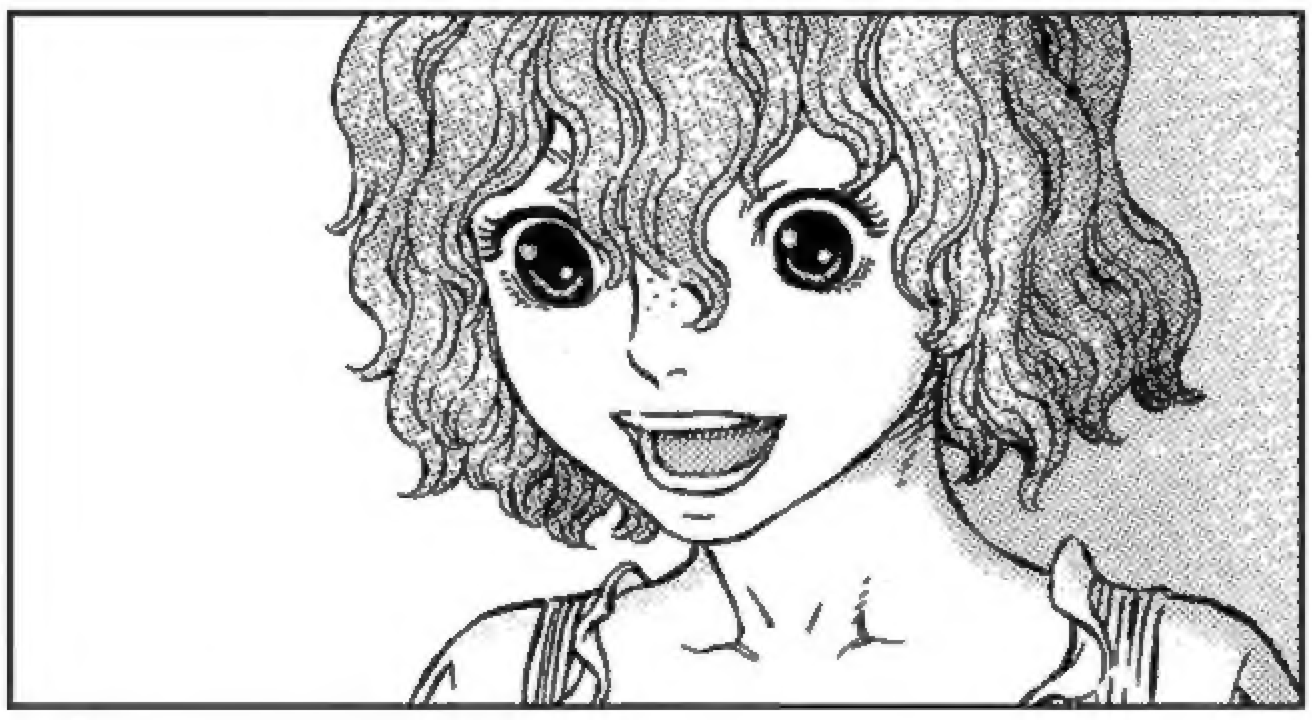
セルピコ *Serpico*

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



ロデリック *Roderick*

Captain of the naval vessel *Seahorse* and third in line to the royal throne of Iith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He is a friend of Farnese’s brother and has become her fiancé. He is currently taking Guts and the others to Skellig Island, where the Elfhelm is located.



イスマ *Isma*

A girl fisherman who lives on the island of the sea god. Treated like an outcast by the village there, she yearns for the outside world and displays a keen interest in stories told by Isidro and Schierke.

Guts and crew were forced to dock at an island where legends of a sea god and merrows persist, but it was a monstrous place where the inhabitants had been transformed into tentacles by the sea god. The god was overwhelmingly powerful, having even turned a pirate ship into a tentacle, and Guts had no choice but to once again don the Berserker armor.

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FULL MOON, PART 1

ゴゴゴゴゴ
*DOOOOM
WOW!! WOULD YA LOOK AT THAT!!
YOU WERE RIGHT, ISIDRO!
MONSTERS REALLY DO...
...EXIST!
HEH!
THE SHOCK WEARS OFF EVENTUALLY.
I WONDER IF THE VILLAGERS ARE OKAY...
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEM?
AREN'T THEY A BUNCH OF CREEPS?
WELL, YEAH, THEY ARE.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'VE EVER WANTED THEM DEAD...
OH.

IT'S *ISMA*.
ISMA THE OUTCAST.
ISMA THE MERROW GIRL.
THEY'RE BRATS FROM THE VILLAGE.
WE'VE HAD OUR SHARE OF SCUFFLES ...!
HEY, ARE YOU GUYS OKAY ?!
*JUMP
NO!! DON'T GO NEAR THOSE...!!
*ZHHHM
COME.
JOIN US.

WE'LL MAKE YOU ONE OF US...
*EEEEK
*SHOP
*LEAP
*VSSHT

*FWFF
*HYNN
*HYNN
*BROARRR
LOOK AT THOSE THINGS *COOK!* ARE THEY EDIBLE AFTER ALL?
IT'S BECAUSE TONIGHT'S A FULL MOON.
WH-WHAT *ARE* THOSE ...?!
*SHLFF
*SHLFF

THEY'RE WHAT LITTLE IS LEFT OF ANYONE CONSUMED BY THOSE BEASTS...
UNFORTUNATELY...
...I PERCEIVE NO HUMAN PRESENCES IN THAT VILLAGE.
ASIDE FROM OUR COMPANIONS.
I FEAR THE VILLAGERS ARE ALL...
WELL, THEN WHY WAS *ISMA* THE ONLY ONE SPARED?
OPPOSITE SIDE OR NOT, SHE'S STILL ON THE SAME ISLAND.
THE POWER OF THE ***AMULETS.***
I CANNOT EXPLAIN IT IN DETAIL, BUT I *DID* SENSE A STRONG POWER COMING FROM THE AMULETS SURROUNDING YOUR HOME.
THAT IS NO DOUBT WHAT'S SHIELDED YOU FROM EVIL ALL THIS TIME.
......
YEAH...
BUT, STILL.
THIS IS SO...
I DIDN'T LIKE THEM...
IN FACT, I HATED THEM. THERE'VE BEEN TIMES WHEN I WISHED THEY ***WERE*** ALL GONE...
BUT NOW WHAT?
I TRULY...
...AM ALL ALONE NOW.

... ...
ISMA, YOU WAIT HERE. I'M GONNA GO HELP MY GUYS REAL QUICK.
I'M COMING, TOO ...!!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR REGULAR FOLKS!
....
EVEN IF THEY *HAVE* TURNED INTO MONSTERS...
...YOU'RE BETTER OFF NOT WATCHIN' THE PEOPLE YOU KNEW GETTIN' HACKED UP.
... ...
ISIDRO...
YOU SHOULD THINK TWICE.
AT THIS POINT, YOU'D ONLY GET IN THE WAY DOWN THERE.
*PBBT
*PBBT
*WHAP
*WHAP
GEE, THANKS!
I WAS BEING NIHILISTIC, AND YOU RUINED IT?!

GUTS HAS GONE BERSERK, AND HE'S FIGHTING THOSE MONSTROUS BEASTS BY HIMSELF RIGHT NOW.
APPROACHING WITHOUT CAUTION WOULD BE DANGEROUS.
YOU MEAN WHEN HE FLIPS OUT?
?
BUT DIDN'T HE FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET A HANDLE ON THAT AT THE VRITANNIS HARBOR BATTLE?
GUTS WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN HIS AWARENESS THAT TIME BECAUSE I HAPPENED TO BE ON HIS BACK...
...AND WAS DRAWN INTO THE ARMOR WITH HIM.
WELL...
WHAT DO WE DO?
……
I WILL POSSESS HIM...
USING MY LUMINOUS BODY...
...AND TRY TO CALL OUT TO HIS CONSCIOUSNESS.
YOU'RE GONNA DO THAT AGAIN?
PLEASE GUARD MY BODY FOR THE TIME BEING.
AND NO GRAFFITI.
YEAH, YEAH. FINE.
SAY WHAT, NOW?
OUTTA-BODY EXPERIENCE.

*CHASHHH
AUGH ! ...!
SCHIERKE ?!
*WHUMP
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
THE ARMOR IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN BEFORE.
IT'S EMITTING TOO STRONG AN OD...!!
I CAN'T GET THROUGH...
...TO GUTS.

THAT'S *NASTY* ...
HE'S FIGHTING EVEN MORE FIERCELY THAN LAST TIME. HE REALLY *IS* LIKE A BEAST!
GUTS ...
YAOOOR
B-BUT WE'VE SENT SO MANY OF THE BRETHREN AFTER HIM...!
WHAT IS HE...?! WHAT IS THAT GUY?!
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE *OUR* FEAST, BUT HE'S MAKING A BLOODBATH OF US!
WHAT DO WE DO!?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!

*SHLACH
*GROLLL

*TMK
CASCA?!
LADY FAR--!!
*DOOOOSH
!
UH OH...!
LADY FARNESE!! CASCA!!

*ZHLFF
*CLACK
*CLACK
*VWASS
*SWTT
*PLIP

CASCA ...!!
!
A CHILD ?!
DID A VILLAGER SURVIVE ?!
JSSSSH
CAS--!

"SHONK"

*DOOOOSH
GUTS ...
...DID HE PROTECT CASCA ...?
DOES THAT MEAN HE'S IN HIS RIGHT MIND...?
ゴク
*FX. GULP
... ... GU--
DON'T APPROACH HIM!!

HEYA! STILL ALIVE, HUH?
W-WILD! HE SLICED UP THAT MONSTER IN NO TIME *FLAT!*
ガラ
*CLATA
MIS-TRESS!
*FWOOSH
SER-PICO.
HEY, YOU OKAY?!
THAT GUY JUST FLEW...!
DON'T GO NEAR HIM. HE HAS NOT YET RETURNED.

NOW WHAT?!
WHAT DO WE DO?!
RORLLL
ENEMY.
NO.
FEAR.
MADNESS.
SANITY.
VIOLENCE.
PEACE.
SLAY.
PROTECT.
KILL.
NO.
CHINK
SUR...
CHINK
...RENDER...

YIELD YOURSELF.

LOOK.
FOCUS YOUR GAZE HERE.
LOOK.

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FULL MOON, PART 2

...THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU...
...KNOW THIS.
YOU MUSTN'T LOSE IT.
YOU MUSTN'T ...
...DES-TROY IT.
ROHHHHR

*FX: BACHING BACHING
*CHFF
*KRRRRN
*FX: CLACK CLACK
*CHING
*SHNK
GUTS ...?!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENIN' TO HIM?!
*KRNCH

HE'S RESISTING THE ARMOR'S OD...!
*FX: GRRRR
NOW'S MY CHANCE...
*FX: CLENCH
?!
*DASH
MISTRESS!!
WHAT'S SHE THINKING?!
SCHIERKE!
*GRAB

*REAR
*RAHHRR
*PITCH

ガッ
*KRONK

*CHFF
MIS-TRESS ...!!
YOU IDIOT!
*THUD
THAT WAS TOO DANGEROUS!!
OWWW...
STUPID SCHIERKE!
NICE CHOKE SLEEPER HOLD.
YOU MIGHT'VE GOTTEN CUT IN HALF!
HIS REFLEXES ARE WAY BEYOND YOURS!
I'LL SECOND THAT.
NEVER DO ANYTHING THAT *CRAZY* AGAIN.
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TALK, GUTS.
*WHAP

YOU SAVED... ...ME, THOUGH.
I OWE YOU ONE.
WELL...
IT WAS THE ONLY THING FOR ME TO DO, AS A MAGIC USER.
YOU OWE HER A LOT MORE THAN JUST ONE!
GO ON, SAY YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF HER THE REST OF--
I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED, BUT IT WAS COOL! YOU'RE SO BRAVE, SCHIERKE!
...
YOU LOST EVERY SINGLE CHANCE TO LOOK GOOD.
THE MONSTER SITUATION LOOKS MOSTLY RESOLVED.
I DON'T SEE THAT PIRATE SHIP AROUND. IT SURE MAKES A QUICK GETAWAY, FOR A "SLUG."
AND I'M AGAIN AMAZED AT HOW SUPER-HUMAN HE IS.
IT'S HARD TO TELL *WHICH* SIDE'S MORE MONSTROUS.
HE'S MORE POWERFUL BY HIMSELF THAN AN ENTIRE WARSHIP.
...

STILL, WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE CASCA WENT RUNNING OFF LIKE THAT?
GOOD QUESTION...
AU
?
!
?

...YOU.
SAY WHA?! WE SAW HIM THAT TIME AT THE SHORE...!!
WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?!
YOU KNOW HIM?
YES...
WE MET HIM ON OUR JOURNEY, BEFORE WE REACHED VRITANNIS...
IS THIS A COINCIDENCE...?
HE SURE IS PRETTY.
...BUT WHY'S HE NAKED?
NUDITY'S BEST FOR YOUR HEALTH!
裸
*NUDE

THERE WAS A FULL MOON THE LAST TIME HE APPEARED, TOO.
NIGHTS WITH FULL MOONS HAVE VERY DEEP MAGICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND ARE FULL OF MAGICAL POWER. HE'S APPEARED NOW DURING TWO OF THEM...
AND HOW COULD I FAIL TO NOTICE HE WAS HERE UNTIL JUST NOW...?
...ALTHOUGH I CAN HARDLY SENSE THE MYSTERIOUS OD AND HOSTILITY FROM THAT TIME...
......
DID YOU...
...DO THAT?
?
ギュ
*CLUTCH

ARE YOU FROM THIS ISLAND, THEN?
ガラ *CLATA
I CAN TELL YOU *I'VE* NEVER SEEN HIM...
HERE, PUT THIS ON.
THE SEA BREEZE'LL CHILL YOU TO THE CORE.
グイ *YANK
UM...
WHO IS THIS GIRL?
I-I'M ISMA.
I MADE FRIENDS WITH ISIDRO AND SCHIERKE A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
I LIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND...
...BUT AS IT TURNS OUT...
エグッ *EGHH
...I'M THE...
...LAST PER-SONNN...
...ON DUH WHOLE ISLUN.
NIZE DA MEET YUUU.
エグッ *EGHH
......
WHY'DJA MAKE HER SAY THAT?!
DAMN IT, SERP!
HUH?! IT'S *MY* FAULT?
GEE, THANKS!
HEY, CAPTAIN.
CAN SHE COME ONBOARD YOUR SHIP?
ゴシ *WIPE
!
HM?

IT'S COOL, RIGHT?! SHE'S JUST ONE MORE PERSON! OR, WHAT?! YOU'RE GONNA LEAVE A *KID* HERE ALONE IN THIS MONSTER NEST?! IS THAT HOW HEARTLESS THE 11TH NAVY IS?! YOU THE SAME AS THOSE PIRATES?!
*WHAP
WELL, I DON'T MIND. YOUR GUEST IS MY GUEST, AT THIS POINT.
A GENEROUS CAPTAIN'S A GOOD CAPTAIN!
*FWUP
GOOD NEWS, HUH, ISMA!
A- ANYWAY...
YOU BETTER COME WITH US NOW.
WE CAN FIGURE OUT LATER WHATEVER'S NEXT.
LEAVE...
...THE ISLAND?
WHAT?
YOU DON'T WANT TO?
?
HUH?! NO, NO! IT'S NOT THAT! I'M JUST SURPRISED!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO RIDE ON A BIG SHIP LIKE THAT!
AWESOME! IT'S AN ADVENTURE!

ALRIGHT, WE'LL JUST FINISH TEMPORARY REPAIRS AND GET THE HELL AWAY FROM THIS PLACE.
R-RIGHT. AHH, BACK TO THE SWAYING BED. GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN SLEEPING FOREVER HERE.
NOT QUITE SO FAST.
THERE'S STILL SOMETHING WE NEED TO DO.
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?! IF WE DON'T HURRY, MORE MONSTERS WILL COME...!!
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE YOU KILLED THEM ALL HERE!
TRUE ENOUGH.
WE'LL BE HELPLESS IF THEY ATTACK US AT SEA, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT FOR THE MORNING SUN.
...THAT'S TRUE.
WE'LL SETTLE THINGS...
...HERE AT THE ISLAND.

BUT HOW?! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEIR NEST IS...
YES, WE DO! I KNOW WHERE IT IS!
!
THAT CAVE?!
THAT'S THE ONE!
B-BUT IF WE STAY HERE, THE SHIP WILL STILL BE ATTACKED EVENTUALLY...!
HMMM ...
I HAVE A PLAN TO DEAL WITH THAT.
...
?
COULD WE ALL GO BACK TO THE SHIP FOR NOW?
...WE ALSO NEED TO PREPARE BEFORE YOU MARCH OFF INTO ENEMY TERRITORY, GUTS.
YOU GOT IT...
...SPELL-CASTER.

*STARE
ジィー…
…
サッ
*FWIT
SLEEPING IN A STABLE BED SURE WAS A BRIEF DREAM. NOW WE'LL SPEND THE NIGHT IN FEAR OF A MONSTER ATTACK.
YOU HAVE TO GET USED TO IT, EVENTUALLY.
I WONDER HOW MANY FISH YOU CAN LOAD INTO A SHIP THAT HUGE.
TRY AND FIND OUT. IT'S FULL OF SMELLY GUYS NOW, ANYWAY.
WELL, I *BEG* YOUR PARDON.
SORRY, BETCHI. DIDJA MISS ME?
DIDN'T IT GET SMASHED LIKE AN EGG?

ズ。
*FX: SHFF
ズズ。。
*FX: SHFFF
ズズ ズ。。ズ。ズ。ズ。。
*JSSSHHHH
WHAT'S UP?
WHAT'RE THEY GOING TO DO?
UM... WHY MUST IT BE OUT HERE?
THIS IS THE BEST SPOT, BECAUSE IT'S SO CLOSE TO THE CENTER OF THE SHIP.

WHAT'RE THEY GOING TO DO?
THEY'RE GONNA CAST A SPELL TO PROTECT THE SHIP.
DOES THAT MEAN WE'LL GET TO SEE SCHIERKE'S MAGIC?!
NO...
NOT QUITE...
I WILL CAST THE FORMATION OF THE FOUR?!
LADY FARNESE...
AGAIN?!
HOW CAN A *VANDIMION* BE SOME KIND OF *WITCH*...?!
BUT IT'S SO SUDDEN...!! I CANNOT, MISTRESS!!
I'VE NEVER CAST A SINGLE--!!
CALM DOWN.
I NOW MUST...
...BECOME LUMINOUS AND GO WITH GUTS TO MEET THE ENEMY.

IF THE ENEMY COMES AND ATTACKS DURING THAT TIME, YOU, AS A MAGE, MUST BE THIS SHIP'S KEY DEFENSE.
KEY DEFENSE ...?
MAGE...?
ME...?
YOU'LL BE OKAY. THE FORMATION OF THE FOUR IS POWERFUL, BUT IT'S ONE OF THE MOST BASIC SPELLS. IT'S AN IDEAL CHOICE FOR YOUR FIRST TIME.
YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE NOW THAT YOU'VE HARNESSED YOUR LUMINOUS BODY.
FOCUS, AND HAVE FAITH IN YOUR TRAINING. I WILL, OF COURSE, GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE RITUAL.
....

ALRIGHT.
I HOPE IT WORKS WELL.
OKAY ...
...IVA-LERA.
YOU GOT II-IT. ♡
EVEN WITH THOSE CARDS UP, WON'T THE DIRECTIONS CHANGE IF THE SHIP MOVES?
WE ALL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO DISTRACT HER.
HEY! THIS AIN'T SOME SHOW!!
THIS AIN'T A FREE SHOW PAY UP
I GUESS WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.
ONCE THE SPELL IS FULLY IN EFFECT, THE CASTER NEED ONLY MAINTAIN HER SUBCONSCIOUS BEARINGS.
CAN I WATCH? I'LL KEEP QUIET.

NOW, AS ALWAYS...
...WE SYNCHRONIZE OUR RHYTHMS.
I AM...
...A MAGE.
I AM...
...THE KEY DEFENSE.

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BEASTMAN

IT'S BIG...
OH BLESSED KING OF THE EAST...
...WHOSE SPIRIT RISES OVER THE MOUNTAINS AS A ZEPHYR...
...AND WHOSE GOLDEN RAIMENT GLEAMS LIKE THE SUN.
I'VE NEVER BEFORE FELT...
OH BLESSED KING OF THE WEST...
...WHOSE NAME TREMBLES EVEN THE WATER SPIRITS WHO CAPER BENEATH THE WAVES.
...SUCH AN ENORMOUS POWER.
SUCH ENORMOUS EMOTION.
OH BLESSED KING OF THE SOUTH...
...BRILLIANCE GREATER THAN EVERLASTING FLAME IS THY MAJESTY.
SUCH AN ENORMOUS EXISTENCE.
I FEEL.
OH BLESSED KING OF THE NORTH...
...IT IS FOR THY RULE THAT ALL...
...LIVING BEINGS OF THE EARTH REJOICE.
...HOW SMALL A THING I AM.

I FEEL...
VEH.
GEPLAH.
...HOW ENORMOUS...
ATEGH.
VEH.
GEDULAH.
MARKTO.
...THE THING IS OF WHICH I'M A PART.

WH-WHAT'S THAT...?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
WH-WHAT THE ...?!
WHAT'S ...?!
LOOK AT THAT WILD STUFF!!
LOOKS LIKE SHE PULLED IT OFF.

*HHHH
フゥゥゥ…
...WOW...
WELL DONE.
MIS-TRESS ...
NICE ONE.
!
THE RITUAL ...!
WAS THE SPELL SUCCESSFUL?
LOOK AROUND.
WOW...
WHAT'S THIS LIGHT?
IS IT AN AURORA?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ITS LIKE...

I...
...DID THIS?
NOW *THAT'S* SOMETHING!
I'VE SAILED ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A THING!
UH...
UM...
Y-YOU MEAN *YOU* DID THIS?
WE MIGHT MAKE MONEY WITH THIS AT CEREMONIES...
HOO-WAHHH...
W--
WELL, SO WHAT? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN EXPECT WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO SWING SWORDS AROUND!
IT'S DOZENS OF TIMES BRIGHTER THAN A FISHING LIGHT!
YOUR PARTY RANK KEEPS GETTING LOWER AND LOWER...
...CONGRATULATIONS, LADY FARNESE.
SERPICO...
THAT WAS SPLENDID.
NOW YOU CAN TRULY COUNT YOURSELF AMONG THE RANKS OF THE MAGI.
THAT'S PRETTY GOOD, FOR YOUR FIRST TRY. BUT DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.
...
....

IT'S YOUR WATCH.
YOU'RE OUR SHIELD.
...OKAY. I SWEAR ...
...I WON'T LET YOU DOWN!
....
NOW AS LONG AS FARNESE STAYS WITHIN THE FORMATION OF HER SPELL, AND THIS LIGHT REMAINS WITHIN HER SUBCONSCIOUS, NO EVIL BEING OF THE ASTRAL WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO TOUCH THIS SHIP.
...HOWEVER, ITS POWER IS HALVED AGAINST THOSE OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD...
WE'LL HANDLE THE HAND-TO-HAND.
WE'RE DOOMED.
THAT'S WHEN IT'LL BE *OUR* TURN TO SHINE!

NOW THAT THE BASE IS SECURE...
...WE MIGHT AS WELL GET A MOVE ON.
MAN, I SURE DREW THE SHORT STICK-- GUARDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN!
MIND YOU DON'T WIND UP A TENTACLE
I WANNA FIGHT WITH THAT SEA-GOD THING, TOO!
A GOOD SOLDIER KNOWS WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF AND COMPLETES THE JOB SET BEFORE HIM.
YEAH, I KNOW!
ALRIGHT, THEN.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF CASCA, THAT BOY, AND *MY BODY.*
DRAW ANYTHING ON HER, AND YOU TWO'LL BE SLEEPIN' WITH THE FISHES.
YES, YOU CAN COUNT ON US.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO OPPOSE THIS FOE WITH MAGIC, BUT THE OD BLOWING OUT OF THAT CAVE IS POWERFUL.
I FEAR THE INTERIOR OF THE ISLAND IS TOTALLY UNDER THE SEA GOD'S CONTROL, AND THE SPIRITS' POWERS WOULD HARDLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
...I'M SORRY TO ASK THIS OF YOU.
HM?
I'M AFRAID...
...YOU MUST PUT...
...YOURSELF AT RISK ONCE AGAIN.
N-NO PROBLEM! HE'S TOUGH ENOUGH TO HANDLE GETTING ROASTED OR TOSSED AROUND A LITTLE!
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
I'M COUNTING ON YOUR HELP TOO,
MISS GOOD LUCK CHARM.
YEAH, SEE?
*FX: FIDGET
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I-I REALIZE THAT.
I WILL NOT LET YOU GO BERSERK SO LONG AS I POSSESS YOU! WE WILL RETURN ALIVE AND WELL, YOU'LL SEE!
REST ASSURED!
UM...
SO...
COULD YOU SQUAT DOWN?
OH, RIGHT. SORRY.

PLEASE BEGIN.
I'M ALL TOO AWARE...
EVEN IF GUTS MANAGES TO RETAIN HIS CONSCIOUSNESS...
...IT WON'T LESSEN THE BURDEN ON HIS BODY.
ドクン。
*BATHUMP
ザワ
*FWOOSH

...DAMN. IT'S SUCH A PAIN TO RESTRAIN THIS THING...
...BUT YOU CAN SUMMON IT AT THE DROP OF A FRIGGIN' HAT.
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IT'S LIKE A STARVING BEAST...
...SNAPPING AT BAIT.
*FX: ZHM ZHM ZHM
*VWASH
WH-WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?!
IS THIS MORE MAGIC?!
*DROP
SCHIERKE ?!
OKAY, CATCH!
*FALL
WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
HER SPIRIT CAME OUT.
SHE'S HAUNTIN' GUTS.
HOW RUDE! CALL IT "POSSESSION"!

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*RRRRR
THE FLOW OF OD IS MORE INTENSE THAN BEFORE...
IT'S GROWN IN POWER ...!!
BUT...
...I WILL RESTRAIN IT!!

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*SHNNN
ビシッ
*SHNK

SO *THAT'S* HOW YOU PUT ON AND TAKE OFF ARMOR. IT'S LIKE IT'S ALIVE OR SOMETHING.
DON'T GO NEAR, IT'S DANGEROUS!
....
...GUTS, DO YOU RECOGNIZE WHO WE ARE...?
DON'T WORRY.
I'M THINKING STRAIGHT.
AT LEAST, STRAIGHT ENOUGH TO KNOW WHO NOT TO BITE.
HERE WE GO. DON'T GET PEELED OFF.
NO NEED TO WORRY!

*LEAP
*TMP
*TMP
*TMP
*TMP
TH-THAT AIN'T HUMAN ...!
HE'S LIKE A FLYING FISH! ARE ALL KNIGHTS LIKE HIM?!
KNIGHTS? THEY DON'T EVEN MAKE *HUMANS* LIKE HIM.
I GUESS HE'S A TRANSFORMIN' SUPERHERO?
WELL, IT'S ALL THANKS TO SCHIERKE'S MAGIC.
WE'D BETTER PREPARE FOR BATTLE, TOO.
*SHAAAA

?
WHAT'S UP, ISMA?
…
*SHAAAAA
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*GOLP
I HEAR…
…THOSE VOICES AGAIN…
VOICES?

*OHHHN
ゴオオォォ
THIS IT?
*CHFF
ザッ
ドクッ
*BLEED
ONE THING'S FOR SURE...
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN THOSE SEA HARES.
THIS ISN'T LIKE IT WAS DURING THE DAY.
IT'S AWAKE NOW.

...THE SEA GOD.
*GOFFF
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BERSERK

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SEA GOD, PART 1

TMP
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IT'S CONVENIENT, WHAT THIS DOES FOR MY NIGHT VISION.
STILL, THIS INTIMIDATING FEELING REMINDS ME...
...OF WHEN WE ENTERED THAT QLIPHOTH PLACE.
IF THIS WERE MERELY QLIPHOTH, I COULD BORROW THE POWER OF THE SPIRITS OF DARKNESS WHO DWELL THERE.
IN *THIS* DOMAIN, THOUGH, THE POWERS OF MOST SPIRITS ARE BLOCKED BY THE SEA GOD'S POWERFUL SPIRITUAL PRESSURE...
YEAH,
IT *DOES* LOOK LIKE WE'RE DESCENDING INTO THE DEPTHS OF HELL.

!
GUTS!
*CHFFF
*HOHHHN
ゴォォ・ォ・・・
A STONE STATUE?
IT'S PROBABLY A SEAL...
IT COULD BE FROM AN ANCIENT CULTURE...
OR MAYBE...
IN ANY CASE, BEYOND THIS...
...WE'RE GOING TO KNOCK ON HELL'S FRONT DOOR.
*GCHAK

THIS IS...
...THE SEA GOD'S SHRINE.
HERE THEY COME.
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*SHAAAA
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*ZHHHMMM

COME INTO MY HOUSE!
YE BE MOST WELCOME HERE IN ME ABODE!
GREAT, *YOU* AGAIN.
I'M GETTING RATHER TIRED OF THAT BONY CAPTAIN.
YOU'VE OVERCOME MANY TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS!
TO FINALLY ARRIVE HERE! WELL DONE, BRAVE SIR!
I KIND OF FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, NOW.
SOMETIMES YOU JUST CAN'T GET BY IF YOU CAN'T LAUGH AT YOURSELF.
OF ALL RODERICK'S GANG, *YOU*, BLACK SWORDSMAN. THERE TRULY BE ONLY ONE WORD FOR YOUR FIGHTING STYLE-- *MARVELOUS!* IT'S *INHUMAN!*
BUT TOO BAD FOR YOU. NO MATTER WHAT SUPERHUMAN FEATS YOU'RE CAPABLE OF ALONE...
...FEAST YOUR EYES! WE'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF SOLDIERS! THERE'S NO WAY FOR YOU TO RESIST!

AND EVEN ALL THESE BRETHREN ...
...ARE NAUGHT BUT A SINGLE PART OF YOU-KNOW-WHO.
NOW!
STRAIN THOSE EYES!
FOLLOW THE FAINT LIGHT EMITTED BY ME BRETHREN ...
...AND PEER INTO THE DEPTHS OF THIS DARKNESS!
THEN KNOW THAT...
...WHAT YOU GAZE UPON BE PURE DESPAIR!

*BOHHHHH
*RATTLE
*RATTLE
*RATTLE
TOO BAD, EH?
WHAT YOU WERE FIGHTING SO DESPERATELY WERE NOTHING MORE THAN HIS WHISKERS, BORED UP THROUGH THE ISLAND.
MORE'S THE PITY.
AND NATURALLY, THE SEA GOD TOOK IT RIGHT PERSONALLY...
...THAT HIS BELOVED WHISKERS WERE LOPPED OFF.
...!

*GROHHHHL
*WHOM
WHAT SPIRITUAL PRES-SURE...!
I NEVER EXPECTED THIS MUCH...!
HOW DO YOU FIGHT SOMETHING SO GIGANTIC...?!
*RMMMBLE

YO HO HO!
YOU'RE LIKE A SHRIMP ABOUT TO BE FED TO AN OCTOPUS!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE EATEN, SHELL AND ALL!
NOW!
CHOW DOWN, BRETHREN!!
RMMMBLE
YOU CAN'T FIGHT THIS MANY AT ONCE! LET'S FALL BACK INTO THE NARROWER PART OF THE CAVE SO YOU CAN TAKE THEM ON ONE AT A--

...NO, BOTTLENECKS MAKE IT TOO HARD FOR ME TO MANEUVER.
BESIDES, I CAN'T WHITTLE AWAY ALL MY STRENGTH HERE AT THE FRONT DOOR.
BUT--
THERE'S NO WAY...
...WE'RE GOING TO STRAIGHT UP FIGHT ALL THESE THINGS.
WE'RE HEADED ONE WAY...
AND ONE WAY ONLY.
SQUIDDING KILL HIM!
*CHAK
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WE'RE LEAPING RIGHT INTO THAT BIG MOUTH!!
LEAP INTO...
...ITS MOUTH ?!
SHOM

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TMP
SHMP
MEANIE
TH--
ARE YOU HANGING US OUT TO DRY?!
THE SCURVY DOG'S JUMPIN' AROUND A...
...GOW!

*SPRING

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SEA GOD, PART 2

*FX: WHAM
*FX: HOP

SHUNK
WHAM
SHAA
EEEEEK!
DON'T GET PULLED OFF!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! HE'S NOT A BEANBAG!
THERE BE *HUNDREDS* OF YOU... CAN'T *ONE* OF YOU MANAGE TO CATCH HIM?!

*SHF
*SHF
*SHF
*SHF
OUTTA THE WAY!
I'M TRYING TO JUMP RIGHT INTO THAT FREAKISHLY HUGE MAW!

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SHFFFFF

*WHOOM
*GUFHHH
WHA ...
HE'S GODDAMN *INSANE.*
DAHAHAH! WHAT AN IDIOT! HE LET HIMSELF GET EATEN!
THAT'S LIKE A LITTLE FISH JUMPING INTO A WHALE'S MOUTH!
WHAT GOOD DOES HE THINK *THAT'S* GONNA DO?!
HE'LL BE *SHIT* BY TOMORROW MORN!
ARRR! THAT TAKES CARE OF THE MOST BOTHERSOME OF THE BUNCH!
NOW WE BE FREE TO FEAST AWAY ON THAT DAMNED ANNOYING STALLION AND HIS COHORTS, BRETHREN!

IT'S THE CLIMAX OF THE FESTIVAL!! LET'S BE ON OUR WAY!!
*DJSHHHH
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SHOMP
BLOOOOOSH
LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT IN.
THAT WAS CRAZY!
SHAAAAA
IT EVEN GLOWS A LITTLE INSIDE THIS DAMN THING.
I GUESS THERE ARE SQUIDS LIKE THAT...

IT'S LIKE SOME LEGENDARY SHIP GRAVEYARD.
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN DRAGGED IN BY THOSE TENTACLES.
THE SEA GOD TAKES IN ITS VICTIMS AND MAKE THEM PART OF ITSELF...
IT'S SO REPULSIVE...
SO WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO NOW?
LOOK HOW HUGE ITS STOMACH IS. INFLICTING A SMALL WOUND IN HERE WOULD ONLY FEEL LIKE BEING STUCK BY A LITTLE FISH BONE...
DON'T YOU HEAR IT?
ドコオオ…ン…
*BAKONNNG
!
A CANNON ...?!
IS THE SEAHORSE *BOMBARDING* IT?!
NO.

THAT'S A PULSE.
ドコォォン
*BAKONNNG
IT'S THE SOUND OF THE SEA GOD'S HEART.
THAT'S... A PULSE?
WELL...
...ACTUALLY I SUPPOSE IT IS.
DOESN'T MATTER HOW BIG ITS BODY IS. WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, THIS THING'S NOTHING MORE THAN AN *OCTOPUS.*
EVEN A LITTLE BONE MEANS TROUBLE IF IT STICKS YOU IN THE HEART.
ドコ
*BAKONNNG
BUT WITH THIS SOUND ECHOING ALL OVER THE PLACE, I'M NOT SURE WHERE ITS HEART IS...
CAN YOU TELL, SCHIERKE?
LEAVE IT TO ME.
オォォ
IF I FOLLOW THE FLOW OF OD THROUGH ITS BODY...

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THERE.
ABOVE AND TO THE RIGHT IS WHERE ITS BLOOD FLOW GATHERS.
WE'D BETTER HURRY.
THOSE TENTACLES OUT THERE AREN'T ABOUT TO IGNORE THE *SEA-HORSE.*
NOW ...
WE COULD SCALE THE STOMACH WALL OR CUT THROUGH IT AND PUSH THROUGH THE ENTRAILS...
BUT BOTH WAYS WOULD TAKE TOO LONG...
GUTS ...!
*BLORP
*FX: DOOOSH
*JSSSSH
STOMACH ACID.

THERE'S SO MUCH OF IT...!
WE NEED TO HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE!
*FX: SSSSSSS
THIS WORKS OUT WELL.
HUH?
WE'LL LET IT CARRY US TO THE TOP.
!
YOU'RE BEING RECKLESS AGAIN...! EEK!
NAH, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET TO THE TOP WITHOUT DISSOLVING.
*FX: DOOOOSH
!
GUTS!

WHAT'RE THOSE ?
I DON'T KNOW. PROBABLY PARASITES THAT LIVE INSIDE THE SEA GOD OR SOMETHING...
THEY MUST BE CLIMBING TO ESCAPE THE STOMACH ACID.
*KLACK
*KLACK
*SPRING

MULTIPLE VESSELS TO STARBOARD!!
IT'S THE PIRATE SHIP...
AND A SWARM OF MONSTERS!!
*OOOOOSH
*OOOOOSH
YES, WE CAN!
CAPTAIN!
THERE'S A FLEET'S WORTH OF THEM! WE SHOULD FALL BACK FOR NOW...!
YOW! THERE WERE THAT MANY SWARMING RIGHT UNDER MY FEET?!
NO NEED TO BE SCARED! WE CAN TAKE 'EM!
WE STAND, PREPARED TO MEET THEM
LADY FARNESE, IT IS DANGEROUS HERE. YOU SHOULD GO DOWN INTO THE HOLD...
I MUST REMAIN HERE TO MAKE SURE THE FORMATION OF THE FOUR HOLDS.
GUARD HER WELL, SERP.
AND YOU GOTTA GUARD SCHIERKE WELL.
YES.

...NO.
OUR SEAHORSE HAS A GODDESS IN COMMAND OF ANGELS ON BOARD.
WE FIGHT BACK!!
PREPARE TO FIRE ALL STARBOARD CANNONS!!
THERE'S A LOT OF THEM!!
MAKE EVERY SHOT COUNT!!
FIRE!!
*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM

PAY IT NO MIND!!
FULL SPEED AHEAD, ME HEARTIES!!
*CHNK
*SHAAA
*VSSH
*SHAAA
*SHAAA
*FRAP

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SEA GOD, PART 3

ボォオオオオ
*BWOOOOOSH
LOOK!
TH- THEY'VE STOPPED ...?!
THEY CAN'T GET INSIDE THIS WALL OF LIGHT!
ワァァァァ
*WOMMM
WELL, I'LL BE DAMNED! IT STOPPED THAT MANY MONSTERS...
N-NOT BAD, FARNY...!
YOU ARE A GODDESS...
WELL, NATURALLY, AFTER ALL THAT TRAINING WITH SCHIERKE EVERY DAY.
YOU'RE THE SEAHORSE'S GUARDIAN ANGEL!

ALRIGHT! WITH THIS MANY OF THEM, WE COULD HIT THEM WITH OUR EYES CLOSED!
KEEP FIRING, AND AT WILL!!
*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM

ザザザ
*SHASSSH
NICE!
GOT 'EM!
THAT'S THE WAY!
BLOW ANY OF THEM THAT GET CLOSE TO PIECES!
ドドド
*BOOM
*BOOM
*BOOM

*WHOM
YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BUFFOONS!!
THEY ROLLED RIGHT OVER THEIR OWN GUYS!!
!

*JSSSSSH
THE PIRATE SHIP'S BOW GOT THROUGH THE LIGHT...! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THIS FORMATION IS A SPELL TO DEFEND AGAINST THOSE NOT OF THIS WORLD...!
IT'S ONLY HALF AS EFFECTIVE AGAINST ANYTHING WITH PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE!
*WHRAM

YO HO HO HO HO...

NOW WE CAN FINALLY GET DOWN TO SOME SWASH-BUCKLIN'!
BOSS MAN, MY BODY'S KIND OF NUMB. I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING BELOW THE WAIST...
*SSSSSS
JUST PRETEND YOU WERE STUNG BY A STINGRAY OR SOMETHING.
NOW THEN, GENTS! TIME FOR YOU TO PAY BACK IN FULL THE DEBT YOU OWE!
THEN AFTER WE SLICE YOU UP AND EAT OUR FILL...
...WE'LL LET BYGONES BE BYGONES...
...AND IT'LL BE A TENTACLE'S LIFE FOR US!
*HYNN
AYE! WE'LL ALL BE TRUE BRETHREN OF THE--
?
*SOOMP

*SPAKT
!
WHAT TENTACLE'S LIFE, YA OCTOPUS?
...MAKE THAT "SUCKER"!
WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD EVER...
YOU WANNA BE SQUID ON A STICK?
...WANT TO BECOME ONE OF YOU NASTY-ASS TENTACLES?!
AND YOU STINK LIKE SQUID!
YOU AIN'T BRETHREN OF THE SEA OR NOTHIN' ANYMORE!
"FRUIT"...?
YOU BETCHA.
WE'VE ALSO GOT VINEGARED SQUID.
I'D NEARLY CONVINCED MYSELF I WAS A MARINER, TOO.
WHEN DID YOU PUT THAT ON?
YOU'RE JUST...
...FRUIT OF THE SEA!
IT'S TIME FOR A THRASHING!

WHAT DO YOU DOGS KNOW ABOUT A TENTACLE'S FEELINGS?!
CAN IT!!
YOU SLIMY CREEP!!!
*ROHHHHH

*SHASSSH
*SHONK
TCH! THERE'S NO END TO 'EM!
WE'VE NOWHERE ELSE TO RUN...!

WHERE'S THE CEILING ...?
...STILL A BIT OUT OF REACH.
THE MAST... THESE THINGS'RE WEIGHIN' IT DOWN!
*KRAK
*KRAK
IT'S COLLAPSING...!
*KEEEERN
*SWAY
*LEAP

HEY...!
GUTS, YOU WOULDN'T ?!

*SLASH
*SWING
*DANGLE
*SHFF SHFFF
GUTS...!

THAT SHOULD DO IT.
*SLIP
*FWOP
WE'RE FALL--
*VWOOSH

*ROHHHN
*FX: BWOOOSH
*ZHFFF
*WHSSSS
WHA...
WHAT HAPPENED?!
THE STOMACH ACID HAS PRESSURIZED ALL THE GAS IN THERE, AND IT WENT GUSHING OUT LIKE A BURP.
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW THICK THE STOMACH WALL WAS.
WHETHER I COULD CUT THROUGH IT OR NOT WAS A GAMBLE,
BUT IT PAID OFF.
PLEASE STOP BEING SO RECKLESS.
NOT THAT YOU'RE LIKELY TO LISTEN, BUT YOU'RE GIVING **ME** AN ULCER, TOO.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
LOOKS LIKE...
...WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED, THOUGH.
!

*KSSH
*KSSH
LOOKS LIKE THIS THING'S INSIDES ARE A DEN OF MONSTERS.
THEY ELIMINATE FOREIGN ENEMIES IN EXCHANGE FOR NOURISHMENT FROM THE SEA GOD... THEY COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.
WELL, TOO BAD. WE MIGHT NOT BE PERMANENT RESIDENTS, BUT *OUR* DEN'S AT STAKE, TOO.
TIME TO FORCE OUR WAY THROUGH.

*ROHHHH
FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT YOUR WAY THROUGH!!
OR ELSE EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU IS SHARK BAIT!!
*RISE
WE'LL TAKE THE HIGH ROAD, WHILE THEY'RE BUSY WITH YOU!
YO HO HO! THIS BE WHY TENTACLES RULE!
*OOOOOO
*CLANG
DON'T LET THEM WIN!!
*CHING

*SHRRRRL
*FWAP
*WHOCK!
*VSSSH
OH, WOW!
YOU CAN USE MAGIC TOO, WIND CHARM GUY?!
"WIND CHARM GUY" ...?
HEAVE
HOOOO!!
*CHINNNG
HN.
HN.
HN.

THAT'S INCREDIBLE, STOWAWAY!
OLD BUCKET-HEAD!
WRONNNNG!
I AM THE BLACK-MOUSTACHED KNIGHT!!
SHRAK
REMEMBER THAT!!
ZHM
INCOMING!
ZHM
ZHM
FARNESE!
SHM
SHM
RAGGHHH

MY SNAKES SAVE THE DAY! ♡
*HHHH
*HHHH
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! YOU USUALLY FIGHT HARDER THAN THIS!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...!
IT'S HARD TO MOVE WHEN YOUR LOWER HALF'S NUMB...!
JUST PRETEND YOU GOT STUCK BY A CONE SNAIL OR SOMETHING, AND MAKE UP FOR IT WITH SPIRIT!
*DART
*GACHINNNG

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BOYYYYY!!
TIME TO KNOCK YOU INTO THE SEA AGAIN!!
*BAING
*CHINNNG
*INNNG
HNNNNN...

YOU...
YOU'VE SHARPENED YOUR SKILLS!
*CRANNNG
I'M A GROWING BOY!
AND I'VE HAD PLENTY OF TRAINING!
*SPIN
ON A ROCKING BOAT, THANKS VERY MUCH!!
*WHACK
WHOA, CLOSE CALL!
*SHA
*VYNN
TCH!
*JUMP
AS YOU SAY...
BUT AS FOR STRENGTH ITSELF, YOU STILL DON'T--

*FWOOMP
*BWOOSH
IGH!
TCH!
WOH HOT HOT!
TH-THE LITTLE BRAT! HE'S QUICK TO USE ANYTHING HE GETS HIS HANDS ON!
NOT EVEN GROWN MEN USED TO COMBAT CAN DO THAT VERY OFTEN!
HE PISSES ME OFF **SO** MUCH!
...BY THE POWERS, YOU'RE ONE FIEND OF A LAD.
YOU ***ARE*** CUT OUT FOR PIRATING, WITH YOUR TALENTS.
WELL? YOU STILL SURE I CAN'T INTEREST YOU IN A NEW JOB?
NO WAY! YOU GUYS'RE FILTHY, STUPID, AND ABOVE ALL, YOU'RE ALREADY SEAFOOD!

... ALRIGHT, THEN.
*TING
THAT REALLY *IS* TOO BAD.
*KACHING
BUT, OH WELL. ADULTS HAVE MANY DUTIES.
ONE OF 'EM IS NIPPIN' YOUNG SHRIMPS IN THE BUD.
*FX: VNN
*SHNK
*THWOCK

OH!
I HIT HIM.
I DID IT, ISIDRO!
NICE ONE, ISMA!
*FWIP
BUT THIS'S DANGEROUS, SO STAND BACK!
URRRGH!
*PSSHT
I'D BE *DEAD* NOW IF I WASN'T A TENTACLE!
B-BOSS MAN!
THEY'RE FORCING US BACK!
WE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP ANY LONGER!
FIGHT THEM OFF!
*ROHHHH
YARRRGH!
YOU LILY-LIVERED LOT! YOU'RE PATHETIC!

TIME TO GO FOR BROKE!!
SHOW 'EM WHAT TENTACLES ARE MADE OF!!
WAIT!
NO!
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
YEEE!
I DON'T WANNA FRY!
*JSSSSHHHH
THEY'RE RISKING THEIR LIVES?!
YAH!
TOU!
NICE PITCH!
ISMA!
I SAID STAND BACK!
*CLACK
*SHMP
*SHMP
*PLONK
OOCH
THIS'S DANGER-OUS!
I'M HANDY WITH A HAR-POON.
...

THOSE THINGS...
HM?
A BUNCH FELL ON THE DECK.
...
?
*SSS
*FX: TOSS
OUR TENTACLES ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE REST!!
THEY'RE IMMENSE!! POTENT!! NO MEMBRANE CAN STAND UP TO THEM!! THEY'RE JUST ITCHING TO BURST AS WE SPE--
*KLONK
*SHMP

BDOOOOOM
IT BURST ?!
AHH?! GET BACK HERE ...!
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!
WE DON'T WANNA DIE TWICE!
IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU, DO IT BY YOURSELF, BOSS MAN!
UH.
HEY.
WA--
YOU DOGS ...!
KRAK
KRAK
SHAAAAA

*SHAAAAA
YO HO HO... UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, GENTLEMEN!
*ROHHHHH
NEVER COME BACK!
GO WRAP YOURSELVES AROUND SOME SPERM WHALE!
YOU KICKED ASS, ISMA!
NAHHH. IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.
YOU WERE COOL, TOO!
Y-- YEAH.
YOU GET USED TO IT.
WE GOT THROUGH THAT SOMEHOW.
YEAH, SOMEHOW.
A GHOST SHIP AND A MONSTER SWARM...
THIS FEELS LIKE SOME KIND OF LEGENDARY VOYAGE, NOW.
WE HAVE YOU TO THANK, FARNESE.
YOU'RE THE REASON WE'RE STILL ALIVE.

FARNESE !!
THE SEA-HORSE'S GUARDIAN ANGEL!!
FARNESE, THE GODDESS OF VICTORY!!
KEEP DOWN THE NOISE! YOU'LL MESS UP SCHIERKE'S SPELL!
OOO
PRAISE IS WELL AND GOOD, BUT KEEP IT CIVIL!
IITH SAILORS NEED TO TREAT LADIES WITH DIGNITY AT ALL TIMES!
*FX: RAHHHH
NOW...
...THE REST DEPENDS ON GUTS AND SCHIERKE.
IS... IS IT OVER?
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*SHIVER

ドコオオン…!!
*BAKONNNG
ドコオオン…!!
*BAKONNNG
*BAKONNNG
ドコオオン…!!
*BAKONNNG
ドコオオン…!!
*BAKONNNG
GUTS...!
THIS'S A LOT LOUDER THAN THE *SEAHORSE'S* CANNONS!
MY GUT...
...NO, MY WHOLE DAMN *BODY* FEELS NUMB!

BAKONNNG
YOU CAN BET IF I STAYED HERE TOO LONG...
...THE PULSE ALONE WOULD KILL ME WITH MADNESS!!

WELL, HURRY BEFORE IT HAPPENS...!
I KNOW.
...GUTS?
THE AIR'S HEAVY AND STAGNANT.
I CAN BREATHE...
*FX: HEHH...
...BUT MY BODY'S HEAVY.
IT'S LIKE I'M UNDER WATER.
NO **WONDER** THE SOUND CARRIES SO WELL...
*KONNNG
*KONNNG
*KONNNG
*KONNNG
...!
THE PULSE SUDDENLY GREW MORE INTENSE...?!
*ZHHHM
WHAT THE--?!

AAAAU
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
HEY!
CLIMBING UP THERE IS DANGEROUS, SON.
ガタ。
*THNK
UGH ...
WHAT'S WRONG, ISMA?!

...I DON'T KNOW.
I JUST FELT THIS TERRIBLE CHILL...
I'M SCARED...
?
COME ON! GET DOWN.
HM ...?

DOOOOSH
DOOOOSH

THERE ARE STILL SO MANY!
HEH!
IT'S A SEA GOD, ALRIGHT. THIS FEELS LIKE THE OCEAN FLOOR!!

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深き呼び声

A CALL FROM THE DEEP

OOOOSH
ゴゴゴゴゴ
YOOOO HO HO!
SHIVER ME TIMBERS!!! OUR SEA GOD BE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD!!
NOW, THE STALLION'S ILK ARE...
ARE ?....
ARRR ...
...
...
OOOOOSH

THAT MUST BE THE ROOT OF ALL THOSE TENTACLES.
WHOA, WHOA! THERE'S **HUGE,** AND THEN THERE'S **RIDICULOUS!**
...THE SEA GOD.
IT'S LIKE YOUR LEGEND SAID, ISMA.
THAT THING **COULD** SWALLOW ALL THE FISH AND SHIPS AROUND HERE WHOLE.
THE ISLAND ...
MY ISLAND ...
MY HOME ...
IT'S SINKING...
PA...
......

ボオオオ
ドドドドドドド
*DOOOOOSH
ALL HANDS, CLING TO SOMETHING!! HERE COMES A GIANT WAVE!!

*FX: BOGHHHH

IF THIS GOD THING'S ON THE MOVE...
...WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE!!

*BAKONNNG

DOOOSH
ISIDRO...!
OH, NO...!
SHAAAA

*FWOOMP
タッ
*THMP
WAIT ...!
DON'T BE CRAZY !!

...THEY'RE CATCHING UP!
...THIS VOICE...

SPEAK.
CHANT.
SAY IT.
SAY THE NAME.
THE NAME GIVEN YOU,
THAT YOU KNOW NOT.
YOUR ONE...
...AND ONLY...
...TRUE NAME.

NAME...
MY TRUE...
...NAME.

ごぽァ
*GOLP
*PLASH

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MERROW, PART 1

*SHWACK
*CHSSSH
WHAT NOW?!
!
WHAT'S THIS...?!
THAT'S A--

HEY!
ISIDRO!
*WHAP
*WHAP
TH-THAT SURE WAS CLOSE...
...WAIT!
ISMA!
DID YOU JUST ...?!
?
WHOA--FISH?!

FISH LIPS?
EH, WELL, I SWIM AS WELL AS A FISH...
WHAT GIVES? YOU'RE THE ONE GAPING LIKE A FISH!
ギョ *SMACK
パク *OPEN
パク *CLOSE
T- T-
T-
T- T-
TITS? WHATEVER, THEY'RE NO BIG DEAL.
No, NOT TITS! TAIL!
ピコ. ピコ. *FX: FLICK
...
FIIIISH!!
びっちーん *SHLAP
WH- WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
ぴち. *WHAP
ぴち. *WHAP
DID I EAT TOO MANY FISH? NO, IS THERE A FISH BITING MY BUTT?
ぴち. *WHAP
ぴち. *WHAP
A TAIL!
A FISH TAIL?!
...
WHY?! WHY?!
THIS THING IS REAL!!!
C...
CALM DOWN...!!

WOW, YOU'RE CALM ALREADY.
Yo!
Ho!
I THINK I LEARNED A TRICK.
THAT STUFF MY PA TOLD ME.
IT WAS *TRUE*...
SHE'S A MER-ROW.
MER-ROW...
THE GIRL'S A MERROW, HUH?
*FX: FISSSH
YEAH!
YOU GUYS GOT SOME PROBLEM WITH THAT?!

NO STANDING AROUND! GET THOSE CANNONS READY TO FIRE AGAIN!
EH?
WELL, WHY NOT AT THIS POINT?
WE'VE *ALREADY* SEEN A GHOST SHIP AND A BUNCH OF MONSTERS.
BESIDES, THIS IS NO TIME FOR THAT.
THAT *THING* OUT THERE IS WHAT WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT...
BUT WHY, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
THIS'LL MAKE MONEY.
NYA HA HA HA
YOU'VE BEEN IN THE OCEAN BEFORE, BUT YOU'VE NEVER CHANGED, RIGHT?
I HEARD VOICES.
THEY'VE ALWAYS WHISPERED TO ME IN THE SEA...
BUT THIS TIME THEY WERE LOUD AND CLEAR.
THEY SAID TO CHANT A NAME I'D NEVER HEARD... MY TRUE NAME. THEN WHEN I DID WHAT THEY SAID...
TRUE NAME?
UMM, I THINK IT'S...
HEYYY!
STOP! STOP! DON'T SAY IT!

LISTEN! ELVES, SPIRITS, AND WHATNOT HAVE A SECRET NAME THEY CAN NEVER TELL PEOPLE!
THAT'S YOUR TRUE NAME!
YOUR TRUE NAME GOVERNS YOUR TRUE FORM. YOU WENT BACK TO THIS FORM BECAUSE YOU CHANTED IT!
AND IF SOMEBODY FINDS OUT YOUR TRUE NAME, IT MEANS HE'LL HAVE CONTROL OVER YOU!
HUH.
YOU DON'T SAY.
SO NEVER TELL ANYONE! UNLESS IT'S SOMEONE YOU CAN REALLY TRUST!
WOW, THAT'S HOW IT WORKS?
BUT HEY, I WOULDN'T REALLY MIND IF YOU GUYS KNEW IT...
OH NO, YOU CAN'T TRUST THEM!
HAVE YOU GOT A TRUE NAME, TOO?
UMM... "JUSTIN BAILEY." NO--"OPOP DAUNDAUN LEFRYTE"...
...I FORGET NOW.
THAT SOUNDS STRANGE, THOUGH.
WHO COULD TELL YOU YOUR SECRET NAME IF YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT YOURSELF?
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*NYO HO HO HO.
モムモム
*MUNCH
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO-- OW!
HEY!
LOOK AT THAT!!

THERE'S A SCHOOL OF SOMETHING GATHERING AROUND THE ISLAND!
ARE THEY DOLPHINS?
LOOK HOW MANY THERE ARE!!
!
THEY'RE BENEATH THE SHIP, TOO...!
THOSE ARE--

*DOOOOM
GUTS ...!

*CHONK

*WHEWWW
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...?!
YEAH! YOUR MISTRESS' HEIRLOOM IS REALLY SOMETHING. THEY WON'T BITE THROUGH IT LIKE SOME CRAB OR LOBSTER SHELL.
*FX KRRRN
IT DOESN'T HURT.
*FX SHMP
*FX SHMP
AND AS YOU KNOW...
*LEAP
NOT EVEN AS MUCH AS GETTING STUCK BY A LITTLE BONE!

*BAKONNNG
...!
*SHOOMP
*SHAFFF
*BWOMP

*BAKONNNG
*GUSH
*GUHAH!

GUTS ...!!
*FX WHAM
*ZHONK
*BAKONNNG

ゴオオオオオオ
*VOOOOSH
MERROW ...!
IT'S A BIG SCHOOL OF MERROW !!
THEY'RE MAKING FOR THAT MONSTER!!

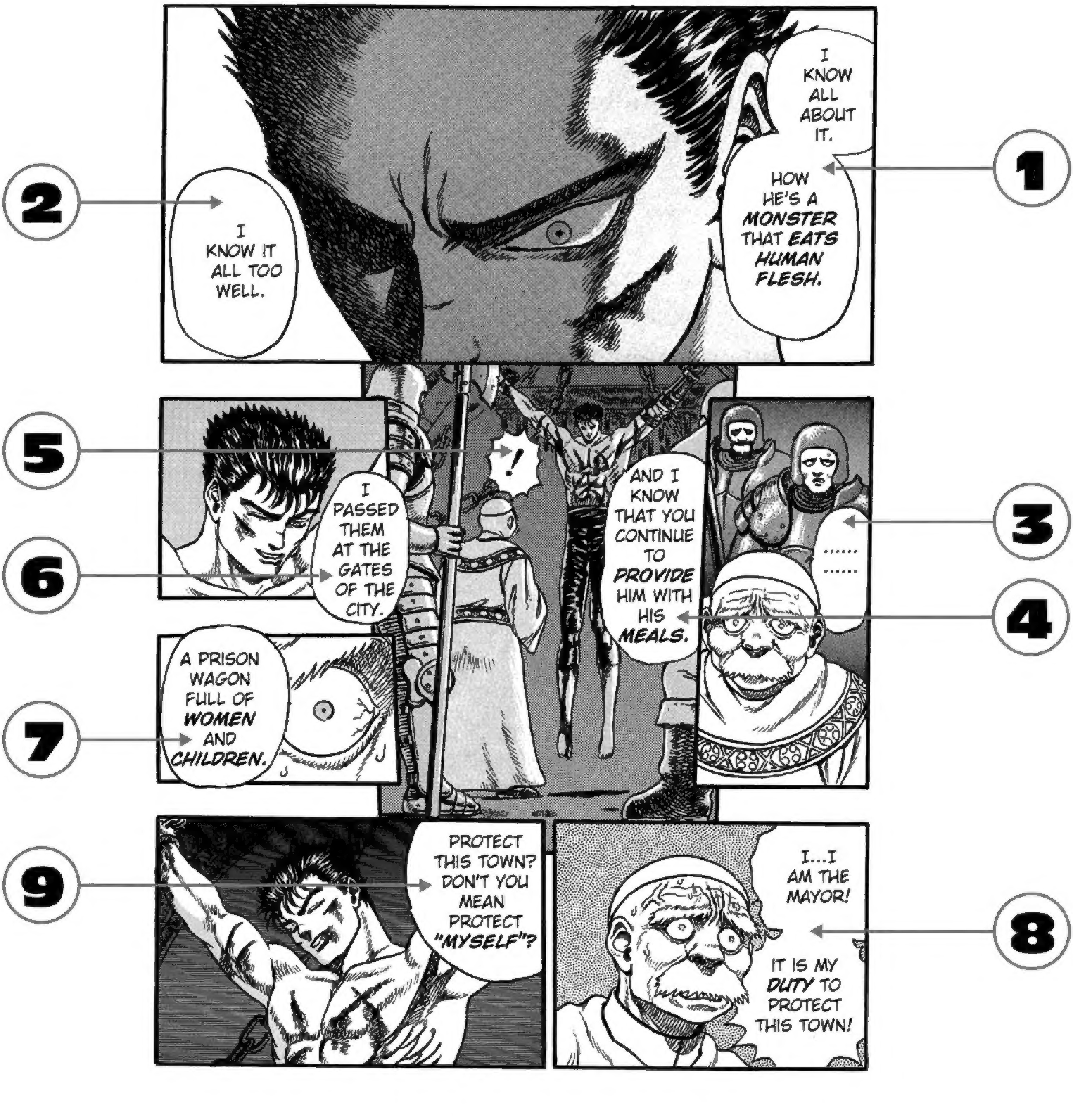
WHAT DO THEY PLAN TO DO?
ARE THEY IN LEAGUE WITH THAT THING?
OF COURSE NOT, STUPID!
LISTEN, I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT MERROW ...!
!
HEY, ISMA?!
IT WAS ALL TRUE.
THE LEGEND, AND WHAT MY PA TOLD ME.
I'M GOING, TOO!
SPRING
ISMA!!

THIS IS MY ISLAND...
...AND MERROW FIGHT AGAINST THE SEA GOD!!
THERE SHE GOES...
...
HEY! CAPTAIN!
YOU JUST GONNA STAND THERE AND WATCH?!
THIS IS NO PLEASURE CRUISE, RIGHT?! IF WE DON'T PICK UP THE PACE, WE'LL MISS ALL THE ACTION!!
FINE, JUST CALM DOWN.
ゴゴゴ
*BDOOSH
GET US IN RANGE OF THAT MONSTER!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ITS TENTACLES!!
JUST BE MINDFUL OF THE SURGE!!

STOP

This is the back of the book!

This manga collection is translated into English but oriented in right-to-left reading format at the creator's request, maintaining the artwork's visual orientation as originally published in Japan. If you've never read manga in this way before, take a look at the diagram below to give yourself an idea of how to go about it. Basically, you'll be starting in the upper right corner and will read each balloon and panel moving right to left. It may take some getting used to, but you should get the hang of it very quickly. Have fun!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I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
HOW HE'S A MONSTER THAT EATS HUMAN FLESH.
2
I KNOW IT ALL TOO WELL.
3
....
4
AND I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS MEALS.
5
!
6
I PASSED THEM AT THE GATES OF THE CITY.
7
A PRISON WAGON FULL OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
8
I...I AM THE MAYOR!
IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN!
9
PROTECT THIS TOWN? DON'T YOU MEAN PROTECT "MYSELF"?

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What Guts the Black Swordsman and his companions had seen as an island refuge from monstrous sea creatures and the ghost ship of the demonic Bonebeard is in fact the very lair of the malefic sea god that controls them. With no avenue of escape, Guts must once again don the Berserker armor to give his company any chance of survival. But without the protective influence of the sorceress Schierke, Guts risks being forever lost within the cursed armor and becoming an even greater threat to his comrades!

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